
HOUSE BILL 2506

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By Representative O'Brien

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington joint analytical center; adding
2 a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; creating a new section; and making
3 an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington
6 joint analytical center, otherwise known as WAJAC, is a conglomerate
7 group encompassing the Washington state patrol, the intelligence
8 subcommittee of the governor's committee on homeland security, and the
9 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs. These entities
10 work cooperatively with other federal, state, and local agencies in
11 order to promote intelligence-led policing as well as to gather,
12 analyze, and share intelligence information on terrorists and other
13 organized criminal groups that could compromise the public safety of
14 the citizens of the state of Washington.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The Washington joint analytical center is created in the

1 Washington state patrol, which shall be under the direction of the
2 chief of the Washington state patrol.

3 (2) The Washington joint analytical center is responsible for:

4 (a) Serving as the state's central center for all terrorism-related
5 information;

6 (b) Working cooperatively with the Washington association of
7 sheriffs and police chiefs in order to collect and analyze information
8 to develop actionable intelligence;

9 (c) Creating and maintaining seamless and ongoing partnerships with
10 federal, state, local, and tribal agencies, as well as private
11 entities; and

12 (d) Working cooperatively with the Washington association of
13 sheriffs and police chiefs in order to increase better information
14 interchange between local, state, and federal law enforcement and
15 criminal justice agencies.

16 (3) The Washington joint analytical center is organized at the
17 discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of four million six hundred thousand
19 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
20 the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the
21 Washington state patrol for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

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